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1. On several days between 10 and 21 November 1950, single-engine and twin-engine aircraft practiced flying at the Schoenwalde (N 53/Z 66) airfield between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The single-engine aircraft practiced firing with machine guns at a sleeve target towed by a biplane.

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2. On 5 November, a Soviet marshal, accompanied by two lieutenant colonels, five majors, and one captain, inspected the landing strip and the officers billets.

All officers wore golden-bordered blue epaulets.

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3. A headquarters,

was quartered in a building between hangars 1 and 2 on the field. (3)

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AN AAA unit, which was independent of the air force unit, was quartered in the northern section of the building.

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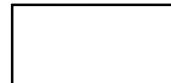
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7. Between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 21 November, about 30 gray-green, single-engine aircraft with in-line engines and antenna rod on the top of the cockpit were parked at the airfield. The hangars were closed. There was no flying. Cloud base was 1,000 meters and visibility was about 1 km. (8)

8. The barracks buildings at the field were fully occupied by about 1,000 to 1,200 men, about half air force soldiers and the rest AA soldiers.

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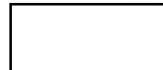
9. The four masts had been removed from the radio installation which was about 120 meters southeast of the windmill and west of the field. The wooden shed was surrounded by a board fence 150 cm high. An overhead line led from the shed to a series of poles along the Schoenwalde-Boetzow (N 53/Z 66) road and from there to the barracks. (9) The other radio installation, which consisted of two radio trucks, was still about 180 to 200 meters west of the Schoenwalde-Boetzow road. One radio truck had an antenna mast with seven dipoles. (10)

10. An AA gun emplacement of four guns was on the western section of the landing field. The fuel dump which was surrounded by spot-lights 20 meters apart was still in the southwestern section of the landing field.

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11. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 24 November, there was intensive flying at the field despite a low cloud base and rainy weather. It cleared up only temporarily. Formations of 18 twin-engine, low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines were seen twice. (11) About 16 twin-engine aircraft, and several single-engine planes, continually practiced individual take-offs and landings. Two jet fighters with swept-back wings flew over the field at about 11 a.m.

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12. About 6 p.m. on 11 November, almost all of the six barracks buildings north of the entrance to the field were lighted. On one of the two houses opposite the field entrance was a fluorescent sign with the inscription "Magazine" which illuminated the flight control station and the hangar west of it. The cantonment opposite the field was illuminated by some lights on poles. Some lights, which probably belonged to the ammunition dump on the southern edge of the field, were switched on.

13. About 50 single-engine low-wing monoplanes were parked in front of the hangars on 12 November. (8) The eastern section of the landing field could not be observed. There was no flying. About six or eight guns, which were covered with tarpaulins, were in the AA gun emplacement.

14. The radio installation west of the field consisted of a van with windows and a radio truck parked nearby. The engine of the van was pointed toward the west and that of the radio truck toward the south. Near the van was a mound with a small red flag. The T-shaped antenna pointed east-west. A wire without insulators led from the western end of the horizontal section of the T-antenna to the foot of the antenna support. The four masts were still missing from the radio installation west of the field.

15. On 18 November, about 50 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes were parked in two rows in front of the hangars. There was no flying because of very poor visibility. An antenna system consisting of a tapering mast, about 3 or 4 meters high and slightly bent about half-way up, was seen for the first time on top of the flight control station. Since it had not been previously seen it was possibly only temporarily extended.

16. The four masts were missing at the radio installation west of the landing field. The wooden shed was surrounded by a board fence. No changes were observed in the radio truck or the van. The lead-in of the T-antenna seemed to be a single wire at the top and divided into two wires below. A large red case, probably with fire-fighting equipment, was fitted on each temporary building of the cantonment in the northwestern section of the field. Two barrels were in front of each building. Ammunition and fuel were possibly stored in the camp.

17. About 5 p.m. on 25 November, the field was illuminated in the same was as before. The ammunition dump presumed to be on the southern edge of the field was also illuminated by lights fitted on poles.

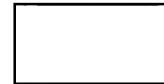
18. On 26 November, about 50 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes were parked as previously observed. There was no flying. The radio installations were unchanged.

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(1)  [redacted] 25X1  
 (2) A Soviet marshal was not reported in the area of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. 25X1

(3)  [redacted]

(4)  [redacted] (fnu). 25X1

(5) The U1L-10 aircraft type was previously reported. It is possibly an IL-10 which is used for training. For document, see Annex.

(6) The information indicates that regular instrument flight training is conducted with the IL-10 plane. The cockpit can apparently be closed, possibly by curtains, for blind flying exercises. For document, see Annex.

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(7)  [redacted]

(8) The number and type of aircraft indicate that the occupation of the field by one ground attack regiment has not changed.

(9) The removal of the antenna mast west of the landing field was previously reported. No information has been received that the antenna mast is to be set up again at another location.

(10) A radio truck of the same type, probably a mobile radar set, was previously reported  25X1

(11) The twin-engine aircraft probably belong to the air reconnaissance regiment which is stationed in Schoenwalde in addition to the ground attack regiment. The regiment is equipped with PE-2s and TU-2s.

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